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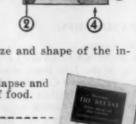
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Dear Editor:

Many times since graduation I have wished for just such a set of laboratory charts as appeared in the July issue. I am sure that other nurses would be equally anxious to have a separate set of the charts in some permanent form.

Martha C. Yatman, R.N. Brooklyn, N.Y.

[Are other nurses similarly interested? If a sufficient demand for the charts is evidenced, reprints will be made available at cost.—The Editors]

NO WORK, NO REFUGE

Dear Editor:

Recently I met a nurse who was a German refugee. I was very much impressed with her intelligence and fine training. Yet she told me that the only jobs she had been abe to find were as houseworker and nursemaid.

Refugees or not—such foreign nurses should have a little assistance from the profession. They might contribute to it, and we would benefit by our association with them.

R.N., Jackson Heights, N.Y.

UP-AND-COMING

Dear Editor:

I would like to answer Lena E. Krocker's letter in the July issue, since I am also a nurse in Merced County.

Merced is certainly not in "the sticks." It is an up-and-coming community in many ways. We have two fine hospitals, county school nurses, public health service, city school nurses, and Red Cross nurses.

A good many of these nurses are graduates of large city hospitals,

Perhaps Merced County does give scientific care to hogs, cows, and chickens. But that does not mean the sick are being neglected.

California is full of migratory camps where conditions cannot always be controlled.

If Mrs. Krocker saw the medicine put in the closet without being used in one of these camps, why blame Merced County?

Iva S. Goff, R.N. Atwater, Calif.

STATE MEDICINE

Dear Editor:

You may be interested in the opinions of twenty graduate nurses at the Missouri State Sanatorium on the proposed National Health Act. The majority agreed that the basic objectives of the program were overshadowed by the probable resulting evils. Chief disadvantages mentioned were:

1. Inferior medical care resulting from the elimination of individualism in practice.

2. Use of low-cost medical services by those who could afford to engage private physicians.

3. Elimination of the personal relationship between patient and doctor.

4. Possibility of state-controlled medical care becoming a political football, placing patients' welfare second.

5. Possibility of wholesale graft.

Possibility of compulsory health insurance for everyone.

All or any of these conditions could prevent the low-income group from receiving any more constant or adequate medical care than under the present system.

Marcella Laws, R.N. Mt. Vernon, Mo.

NON-INFLAMMABLE

Dear Editor:

I was especially interested in the Cyclopropane article in the July issue. However, Dr. Klein made one statement which I should like to correct. He wrote:

"The gas is inflammable, although no more so than ether or nitrous oxide."

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pound jected nto its oxygen thus liberated will support combustion which has previously been started. A mixture of nitrous oxide, oxygen, and ether may be explosive, but it is the ether which makes it so.

Meta Hartmeister, R.N. Clayton, Mo.

[Miss Hartmeister is correct in her comment. Nitrous oxide, a good, safe anesthetic, is not inflammable. The phrase should have read, and was intended to read, "no more so than ether or ethylene." Chalk up my first error in over forty articles on this type.—Allen Klein, Phar. D.]

VETERANS' HOMES

Dear Editor:

In your July issue, you ran a "Calling All Nurses" item concerning the National Organization of World War Nurses. It read:

"So far we have opened three homes for disabled nurses, and hope to do more."

I should appreciate it if you would correct this to, "We have succeeded in *having* three domiciliary homes opened."

These homes were opened by the U. S. Veterans Bureau, not directly by our organization, and are supported by the Government. They are located in Dayton, Ohio; Sawtelle, California; and Bay Pines, Florida.

Maude F. Mann, R.N., Commander Nat'l Org. of World War Nurses Paterson, N.J.

SHOE CARE

Dear Editor:

Are other nurses as conscious as I am of the condition of duty shoes? Frequently when I get into a bus, a street car, walk down the street, or in corridors of hos-

pitals, I see nurses in white shoes which are soiled and badly worn, with run-over heels and dirty shoe-laces.

I so often hear the remark, "How comfortable-looking nurses' shoes are!" Wouldn't it be a good thing for nurses to wear shoes as clean and white as their uniforms? Then we might occasionally hear someone comment favorably on the appearance of our shoes, rather than on their comfort.

Gladys M. Jardine, R.N. Hartford, Conn.

CIVIL SERVICE

Dear Editor:

Will you please advise me when and where civil service examinations are held for nurses, as well as qualifications necessary to take the exams?

R.N., Indianapolis, Ind.

[Complete information on civil service examinations is available. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

—The Editors]

FOR GENERAL DUTY

Dear Editor:

Since I have been doing general duty for the past twelve years, I was particularly interested in your May editorial.

I thoroughly enjoyed my work. I have had many interesting experiences and have met many fine people.

For this reason, I resent the way many nurses and hospital superintendents look down on general duty. Actual care of the sick was what we learned in training. Does getting away from actual contact with patients fit any nurse to become a supervisor, instructor, or public health nurse?

R.N., Cincinnati, Ohio

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3. SELECTING THE FIELD

• "Look at yourself in a mental mirror when you're ready to begin a job-hunt," said the director of a nurse placement service to a group of applicants recently. "Try to evaluate your ability and training and personality. Then, and only then, decide what kind of position you can fill best. Random choice won't do."

Her advice was well directed. For authorities agree that much of the dissatisfaction among nurses today stems from too-carelessly-chosen employment.

In the last year or two, nursing bureaus have begun to correct the situa-



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tion. They have expanded their services to include vocational guidance as well as placement. Psychologists and vocational experts have been added to registry staffs to help steer the right candidate into the right post. But no amount of effort of this sort can redirect an applicant if she is not willing and able to analyze her capabilities herself.

Whether or not you are seeking your first job or your fifth, the consensus among employment counselors seems to indicate that at the outset you must ask yourself these questions:

"What is it I want to do?" "What is





it that I can do best?" "Where does the most opportunity lie?"

It's a rare occasion indeed when the answers to all three questions are the same. Usually, there is some doubt in your mind as to what branch of nursing offers the most attraction. Or, you find yourself wanting (for instance) to nurse in the country but lacking the necessary public health experience. You may be convinced that you've a gift for missionary nursing in the tropics—but how can you get away while there's a small brother at home dependent on you for support? You may want to fly, be a railroader, or a nurse in trans-Atlantic ship service—but you suspect the jobs available in these fields are limited at best.

There are ways, however, of narrowing down the gap between the wish and its fulfillment.

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To begin with, be rational in your ambitions. Try to confine them to the realm of possibility, determined by your professional equipment and experience. Make an effort to enjoy most the thing you do best. And, in considering the many opportunities available, don't be misled by glamor away from the fields which are most practical for a nurse

What nursing posts can you best handle? This article, by Marion Geddes, should help you answer that question, and steer you toward suitable employment. Illustrated are three fields offering opportunity: out-patient service, anesthesia, and supervisory work.

with your background.

Recent surveys indicate that the branches of nursing currently offering the greatest opportunities are:

- 1. Tuberculosis
- 2. Psychiatry
- 3. Eye, ear, nose, and throat
- 4. Communicable diseases
- 5. Anesthesia
- 6. Teaching and supervising in special departments
- 7. Pediatrics
- Public health, especially venerealdisease control

Have you an aptitude in any one of these specialties, plus the necessary preparation? The trend toward specialization has hit nursing as well as other professions. Thus, many nurses have begun to equip themselves with the techniques of one of these fields—even though they have no intention, at the moment, of leaving private practice or institutional nursing.

Of all these specialties, tuberculosis
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Chinese hospital

BY ELIZABETH MARTIN, R.N., AS TOLD TO ELSA GIDLOW

• When Wan Ling was a tiny boy in China, wearing his red clothes of joy and having just outgrown his tiger shoes, his very old great-uncle went to the foreign devils' terrible white hospital to die.

The hospital was white, and everyone in the hospital dressed in white, because white, as all Chinese know, is the mourning color . . .

Fifty years later in San Francisco, Wan Ling has aged with the dignity of his esteemed ancestors. He has been ailing for a long time, but he disguises his pain because he has one haunting fear: the hospital. His children and his grandchildren try to reassure him. Skillful Chinese surgeons, they explain, will operate on his stomach and take out the pain; he will recover and they will be guided for many more years by the light of his wisdom.

Wan Ling cannot be convinced, but finally the sickness robs him of power. He has to submit; he finds himself on a table in a strange room. The room isn't white; it is pale green. Two Chinese faces are smiling at him; an American woman speaks to him gently, takes his hand, soothes his forehead. In a little while he knows nothing. When he wakes up he is in bed in a cheerful

room with flowered curtains. There are flowers near his bed and many of his children standing by with happy faces. A Chinese nurse comes, places a glass thing between his lips, takes his wrist. From the cheerful chatter around him he gathers the amazing news that he is not going to die . . .

A year later when his youngest daughter falls ill, Wan Ling, the Patriarch, permits her to go to the hospital too. Not just any hospital will do. It must be the Chinese Hospital where he himself was treated and cured.

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Our 75-bed institution in San Francisco's Chinatown is equipped and run like any other small hospital in this country. Built in 1925 and managed by and for the Chinese, it is the only one of its kind in the entire Western Hemisphere.

The five-story pagoda-like structure houses equipment for general medical, surgical, maternity, and nursery services.

Although the hospital is comparatively small, it boasts an X-ray department, a laboratory, and a drug dispensary. We maintain a free, twelvebed, in-patient department, a daily outpatient service, and have in addition accommodations for part-pay patients.

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Three of my staff of nine registered nurses are Chinese, the rest American. All are graduates of local hospitals.

Their work is extremely important. While the nursing techniques are the same as those used in any other modern institution, the psychological approach, the handling of the patient, is frequently different. This is not so true of the American-born and American-educated Chinese. But the older Chinese, like charming Mr. Wan, often

must be handled with delicate care because the culture-pattern in which he has grown up is so different from that in which he now finds himself. Explanations of apparently simple processes are necessary, fears must be anticipated and removed.

The nurse cannot take it for granted that when she places a thermometer between Ah Sam's lips he will know why it is there. An American nurse did that once, casually, and seventy-year-old Ah Sam, thinking it was a new kind of capsule, started to chew up the instrument!

In all Chinatown probably less than a dozen Chinese women are registered nurses. Because women are scarce on this side of the Pacific, the pretty, educated, and stylish Chinese girls do not long remain unmarried. Once married, they may go on working part-time; but special duty has more appeal than a full-time hospital job.

For this reason we take American girls to complete our nursing staff. The American nurses adjust themselves quickly to the informal atmosphere of



Ginn P. Louie superintends America's only all-Chinese hospital.

the hospital. They understand grandmother's insistence that the patient wear a good-luck piece wrapped in red paper. They learn to be tactful about herbs brought in by an uncle or old mother if the patient is slow in recovering, and to be tolerant of a chicken placed on the bed to drive away evil spirits!

The Chinese appreciate the fact that we have no public wards. They prefer privacy, especially when they are ill or convalescent. Accommodation in the hospital is private or semi-private; a three-bed room is the nearest we come to a ward and even then the beds are separated by wooden partitions.

One especially interesting phase of

Good health for China babies! The hospital's free clinic moves to stamp out high infant mortality in San Francisco's Chinatown. our activities is our function as a center for community health education. Our program provides health instruction for residents of Chinatown, and supplies information on disease prevention to the Chinese newspapers.

Tuberculosis commands special attention. Chiefly due to bad housing and the fact that Chinatown is overcrowded, this disease has developed into a serious hazard, especially among the poorer Chinese. Consequently, a large share of our health information service is devoted to its prevention and cure.

What impresses the American nurse most, however, is the unwillingness of the Chinese to cause trouble. They are, for the most part, uncomplaining and easy to care for, grateful and courteous. Unless a close friend or relative has died in the hospital, even the older folk soon learn that it is a place for health, not a place for death. More and more are coming to us in this spirit.



How to open a convalescent home

Here's a different career for enterprising nurses. Five cities were surveyed for the general facts this article offers. Later, stories of nurses engaged in this work will be published. Readers are invited to send in their personal experiences.

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• "I wish I could find some uncrowded field where I could be my own boss and become financially independent..."

If that has been your secret ambition for lo, these many years, consider the possibilities of launching a nursing home. There's often a place in the community for such a service. And it's a logical outlet for the preparation and experience of many nurses.

To put a convalescent home on the road to success, however, takes capital, administrative ability, time, and imagination. Nurses who have succeeded report that each of these requisites is equally important. For, although stimulating, the process of shifting from nursing to nursing-management is no sinecure.

BY CORRY INCIARDI, R.N.

There are innumerable points worth careful thought should you plan to enter this field. The most important are:

1. Costs. Have you enough money to cover your initial investment and operating expenses for a reasonable length of time-without-profit?

2. Competition. Have you in mind a community where the supply of nursing home beds is not already greater than the need?

3. Planning. Have you laid out on paper the complete details for the service you wish to provide?

4. Health regulations. Have you familiarized yourself with local health ordinances affecting the operation of a convalescent home?

Let's suppose that you want to open a typical convalescent home. What is needed for its successful management?

Assume that you own or can purchase a comfortable, partly furnished house in a moderately well-to-do community. It is located on a quiet street, not too near the next-door neighbors, and accessible to transportation facilities. Its rooms are large, light, and well-ventilated. It has a sizable glass-enclosed or screened porch and wide, cen-

trally located stairs. Bed accommodations-private and semi-private-can easily be furnished for ten patients. In addition, there is a good-sized living room, a small upstairs sitting-room, a pleasantly intimate dining-room, a large kitchen, at least two baths, and a lava-

You plan to take as patients chronic medicals requiring nursing and convalescent care. You are also considering accepting surgical convalescents who have been discharged from hospitals but still require minor post-operative care. Your rates, you have decided, will be around \$35 a week for semi-private accommodations: about \$50 for private.

With this basic plan in mind, consider the amount of money you have available. Inquiries in five communities of varying size indicate that a minimum of \$3,000 cash is necessary as a start. Of this initial \$3,000, you will use about one-third to equip ten beds at \$100 each. Another \$1,000 will probably cover minor alterations, and the purchase of additional furnishings and equipment. The remainder should cover operating expenses until your service begins to provide income.

Although this is a considerable outlay, the income possibilities may be well worth the risk. Running at sixty per cent of your bed capacity, income should average around \$1,000 a month. It will take careful management, however, to keep your home filled to this extent.

One nurse who managed a ten-bed home and had six or seven patients receiving care throughout the year, reports that she was able to keep her expenses down to around \$800, drawing \$150 to \$200 a month for herself. It's not wise, however, to expect this return during your first few months of operation.

Another nurse states that a period of one or two years should be allowed before you can begin to expect real profit. In the meantime you have the consolation that your own maintenance is being taken care of. And, of course, you are building toward future security.

It is estimated that the following necessities are required to equip one bed:

Adjustable spring and mattress

2 pillows, medium-hard 10 pillow-cases

8 sheets

8 cotton drawsheets

1 rubber drawsheet 2 cotton blankets

part-wool blankets

blanket bag

2 reserve gowns 3 bath towels

3 face towels

3 wash cloths

3 hand towels

2 spreads

Serving tray

Bedside table or stand

Bed lamp

Bell to summon nurse

Basin

Drinking glass and tube

Emesis basin

Soap dish

Bed pan

Urinal (one for every two beds)

General equipment may include one or more wheel chairs, a stretcher, and screens for privacy in rooms containing more than one patient. (If there is to be a pharmacy or drug room, you must be sure to secure a permit from the Bureau of Combustibles or the Fire Department.)

You will want to use your own judgment regarding the furnishings of the home. As a rule, simple furniture and accessories are most practical. Washable drapes and linoleum floors are "musts." Fussy ornaments, heavily

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Nutrition Briefs

• Eating between meals? Very bad indeed! At least that's what we've always been told. Now comes a report that between-meal feeding can be actually beneficial—if it is properly planned.

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Over a period of several months, midmorning and mid-afternoon snacks were served to 120 office workers. Bananas,



or bananas and milk, were used in order to supply necessary carbohydrates.

Subjects were arranged in three groups of forty apiece. For each test, one group acted as the control unit and did not receive supplementary feeding. Each unit acted as the control group once and the supplementary feeding group twice, in order that the averages might be accurate.

Between-meal snacks won the case. In each of three tests, the employees receiving extra food were absent only half as much as those who stayed hungry till mealtime. Almost all the subjects agreed that the feedings helped concentration, and that even their families had commented on their improved dispositions. Social relations in the office also were considerably eased.

These findings simply bear out the opinion of most persons blessed with healthy appetites: that there's nothing amiss in a little snack to help a hard job on its way. Haggard and Greenberg: Between-Meal Feeding. Jour. Amer. Dietet. Assoc. June-July 1939.

• If your best friend refuses to drive her car after dark, don't put it down to an old-maid disposition. Maybe she just hasn't enough Vitamin A-building items on her budget. For lack of this vitamin causes night blindness in 20 to 40 per cent of the population.

True Vitamin A is found in foods of animal origin. Vegetables produce carotene, containing a mixture of Vitamin A and other substances. This must be converted by the liver and then sent to the retina of the eye through the blood stream. If sufficient Vitamin A is not present, night blindness is the result.

Recent tests indicate that night blindness may be partly responsible for the increased number of traffic accidents. One case was given of a man who was unable to see even a white horse with which his car collided. It is also a logical assumption that many pedestrian accidents may be due to the same cause inability to see at night.

Treatment—or prevention—depends largely on the individual. If he is other-



wise in good condition, the food sources of the vitamin—such as butter, milk, carrots, or liver—may be added to his diet. But where there is indication that the liver is incapable of converting carotene, the vitamin itself should be given in preformed state. Manville. Nutrition and Night Blindness. Northwest Med. June 1939.

Time for a truce

• If any two groups need each other today, they are public-health nursing and medical-social service. Still, the age-old rivalry between the two continues, apparently unabated.

This constant competition seems particularly wasteful in the light of current facts. Indigent families need health guidance now as never before. Their right to receive aid should not be influenced by the jealousies of those charged with providing it. Yet this sometimes happens.

For instance, the social worker lacks respect for the nurse's knowledge beyond routine bedside care. Hence, she fails to report to the nurse all necessary information. Or, the nurse refuses to call for a case worker. She feels capable of handling all follow-up herself. In each case the client is not receiving the full service his problems require.

Contrary to the impression of each group, the two fields overlap considerably. Today many public-health nurses are as well informed on the sociological aspects of public welfare as are many social workers. In the same way, social service has come to place more and more stress on the health aspects of individual family cases. And, although the case worker could never substitute for the nurse, the reverse is frequently true.

How can there be room for competition in the face of such similarity?

If steps are to be taken toward ultimate appearement, let public-health nurses demonstrate their stature by being the first to discount personal pride in the interest of community welfare.

When a case worker is needed to help adjust family funds and emotions during illness, the public-health nurse should unhesitatingly call her. Follow-up work, too extensive for the nurse to handle, should also be turned over to the social worker.

Problems involving hygiene, housing, diet, and the provision of medical care, however, have mutual significance. It is on these points that the public-health nurse must base her plea for the social worker's cooperation. On such questions nurse and case worker must think and act together. For conflicting instructions to the client lead only to trouble for all concerned.

It is time for a truce, we say. It is time both groups recognized their interdependence and put it to better use.

Moving day

By ROXANN

• Sometimes I think friends are a mixed blessing.

Scotty is moving. She has had an apartment around the corner from me for three years.

When she first moved in, her belongings were stowed in a trunk and two suitcases. All her kitchen junk (for preparing light snacks on an electric grill) went into *one* cardboard carton.

"And I aim to keep things down to a minimum," Scotty insisted at that time. "You know—so I can pick up and move at a moment's notice."

It was a swell theory, even if it didn't work.

Last week, when Scotty was appointed to a new job 250 miles away, she sent me an S.O.S. She needed help!

Have you ever lived in one place for a period of years?

Then you have some idea of the number of gadgets that accumulate.

"Why doesn't someone invent a collapsible one-room apartment for nurses?" Scotty wailed, standing in the midst of the wreckage. "When we change jobs we could just tie it up with a stout piece of cord, fasten on the new address with adhesive tape, and call the expressman. At the end of the trip we'd find the old homestead slightly crushed

but otherwise as we left it—slippers half under the studio couch, cap speared to one of the draperies, and freshly starched uniforms taking the place of honor in the clothes closet. Don't you think I've got something there?"

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"Yes, and you've got something here," I answered, looking first at the packing case bursting with books and then at



"'You should wangle about six more wooden boxes,' I said."

the still crowded bookshelves.

"Mm-m-m," Scotty answered, following my gaze. Her face settled into a look that would have given Dr. Five-Foot-Shelf Eliot a cerebral hemorrhage. "Lovely characteristic, this home and fireside instinct of mine! I should marry a nice farmer with land—good, solid, immovable land, and a twenty-room house. I should—"

"You should scram around to the corner grocery and wangle about six more wooden boxes," I said with real executive firmness. "Much as I enjoy all this chit-chat, I have only one day off to devote to you and your moving."

I'd seen too many girls starting new jobs not to recognize Scotty's classic symptoms. First, there's the fine glow of enthusiasm. This usually lasts until the final going-away party. The second stage promotes grave doubt and misgiving. This rapidly develops the conviction that it was all a mistake; the prospect of a new position begins to lose its charms.

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"While you pore over the literature, I'll start on the wardrobe," I offered. So I pulled open the closet door. Two rusty golf clubs and a cardboard hat box fell out on me. In the hatbox were five hats that dated from before the Crash—and looked it.

"If you don't throw out half this old stuff, you'll have to charter a freight



"I held up a nifty little 1930 model dinner dress."



"We can park our weary bodies in the restaurant around the corner."

the nurse decides she must have been non compos mentis—or, as our English cousins so charmingly put it, off her chump—when she agreed to leave the dear old hospital, the familiar streets, the favorite restaurants. Suddenly, she loves every friendly face. Completely forgotten are previous disappointments, irritable tempers, and feline behavior. This is the crisis and demands careful handling.

At this point, a firm and unsympathetic person must click the last lock on the trunks, lead the victim to the railroad station, and push her onto the train from which there is no returning.

Scotty was in the turn-back-at-theslightest-provocation stage. My duty was clear. train to haul it," I insisted.

Scotty agreed amiably, and I began sorting the possibles from the impossibles.

First, I held up a nifty little 1930 model dinner dress. "Here's Candidate No. 1 for the ash can."

"Not that one," she screeched.

"But you don't wear it. I haven't seen it on you in years!"

"I know. But it's the one Bill always loved."

"Oh, all right—it's a nice sentiment, if you're starting a museum," said I. "Can you tear yourself away from this moth-eaten sweater?"

"Now Roxie," she wheedled: "I wore that all through training and I wouldn't [Continued on page 39]

Intestinal infections

A concise review of current therapy and nursing care

• The small intestine is approximately 23 feet long. It is divided into three parts: the duodenum, the jejunum, and the ileum. Stomach contents pass through the ascending, transverse, and descending portions of the duodenum; thence through the jejunum and ileum. They then empty into the cecum, a pouch in which the large intestine begins.

The large intestine, or colon, is about 5 feet long. Like the duodenum, it, too, contains ascending, transverse, and descending portions. It terminates in the sigmoid flexure, an S-shaped bend linking colon and rectum. The rectum is an ampulla-like section above the anal sphincter serving as a reservoir for the feces.

Pathophysiology.—The basic functions of the intestines are to complete digestive changes begun in mouth and stomach and to remove wastematter, or feces. The processes by which these apparently simple functions take place are many and complex. Let us examine the normal processes first and then consider the abnormal results of intestinal infection.

Food, after partial digestion and

maceration in the stomach, is almost completely digested within the small intestine. There it is converted into amino acids, simple monosaccharides, and fatty acids. Moved through the small intestine by peristalsis, the intestinal contents then enter the cecum in a liquid state, relatively free from microorganisms. There, aided by a steady churning motion, digestion is completed.

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The intestinal contents next traverse the three portions of the colon. Elaborate intestinal movements keep the colonic contents in constant motion. Water and electrolytes are absorbed. When the rectum is reached, the feces are semisolid.

Any process which hastens colonic activity leads to frequent, watery stools. One that retards it results in hard, inspissated feces. Distention of the rectum with fecal contents produces a desire to defecate. If this is unheeded, excessive dehydration of the feces occurs. The result is difficult and painful evacuation.

Symptoms of intestinal involvement.—The outstanding symptoms are pain, diarrhea or constipation, and significant changes in the feces.

Pain is the result of exaggerated intestinal movements. It is severe and cramp-like, and recurs in a series of waves. It is not due to inflammation (since the intestinal mucosa is insensitive to pain).

In thin subjects, especially during intestinal distention, these peristaltic movements may be seen on the anterior abdominal wall. Intestinal twisting or kinking, distention, or peritonitis may also cause distress.

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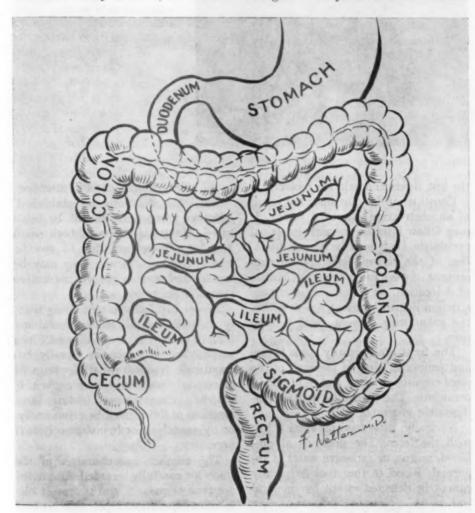
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matory process, or ulceration causes diarrhea. These stimuli may be impressed high in the small intestine, or they may be restricted to the colon. The hyperperistaltic activity produces pain. It leads to premature evacuation of the partially digested, aqueous intestinal contents. Repeated liquid stools deprive the organism of water and salt. Dangerous dehydration ensues unless



Food, during digestion, travels through 28 feet of small and large intestine.

This diagram shows major divisions of the intestinal tract.



Bad meat was once a source of many intestinal disorders. Today, Government inspection maintains safe packing standards.

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the lost fluids and salt are replaced.

Constipation is sometimes the result of an obstructing intestinal tumor. It may follow interference with intestinal peristalsis. Or it may be due to dilatation of the rectosigmoid and to consequent disruption of the mechanism of defecation. At times, excessive constriction due to localized spasm within the colon may prevent fecal propulsion.

The feces are normally dark brown and semisolid. Most of the bulk of the stool consists of living and dead microorganisms. The remainder contains indigestible vegetable fiber.

Normally, little food material is lost with the feces. The presence of pus, blood, mucus, or excessive water is abnormal. Blood in the stool frequently cannot be detected except by chemical test.

Nursing care.—The patient with an intestinal infection is usually severely ill. He requires careful attention.

Until the diagnosis is established, isolation precautions should be instituted. Many infections of both small and large bowel are due to specific micro-organisms. Hence, they may be transmitted unless proper preventive measures are taken.

Proper diet is important. Only highly calorific bland foods, containing little or no roughage, are allowed. Since nausea and anorexia are usually encountered, frequent small feedings of attractively prepared food are given. If diarrhea is a prominent feature, large amounts of fluids must be given orally, or by venoclysis or hypodermoclysis if necessary.

The number and character of the stools are carefully recorded. Also noted are time of passage and degree of discomfort experienced. Specimens are sent to the laboratory routinely. If amebic dysentery is present or suspected, the

stool specimens must be kept warm until examined for the causative *Entameba histolytica*. Great care in handling must be exercised because the stools may teem with pathologic bacteria or parasites.

Temperatures are taken by mouth only as the anus becomes painful and tender during diarrhea. Severe discomfort requires application of soothing or anesthetic ointments, especially after defecation. Patients should be instructed to avoid contamination of the hands after bowel movements.

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In some forms of colitis, marked hemorrhage may occur. To avoid exsanguination, signs of hemorrhage must be reported promptly.

Treatment is symptomatic, to control the discomfort and diarrhea; specific, if such measures are available. Bismuth subnitrate, kaolin, and opium are prescribed singly or in combination. These may decrease excessive peristalsis and allay inflammation. Specific serums or chemotherapeutic drugs are administered as indicated. Medicines must be given exactly when ordered. Pills and tablets are seldom recommended since they may cause undue intestinal irritation and may pass through the gastro-intestinal tract before disintegration.

In severe dysentery, emotional excitement, worry, or thoughts suggesting defecation may produce severe cramps and bowel passage. Mental quiet and rest are thus essential. Marked dehydration makes bony prominences less protected. Thus scrupulous care of the skin is necessary to prevent ulceration.

Diagnosis is made from stool findings, blood serum agglutination tests, proctoscopy, and X-ray examination of the colon if indicated.

The infectious diseases of the intes-

tinal tract may be divided into the dysenteries, regional ileitis, ulcerative colitis, typhoid fever, undulant fever, and cholera. [The last three will be discussed in future articles.]

The dysenteries.—The most frequent dysenteries of the Northern Hemisphere are amebic dysentery and bacillary dysentery.

Amebic dysentery is caused by the *Entameba histolytica*. This unicellular organism burrows into the wall of the colon, and at times into the small bowel and stomach. Contamination of food and water with fecal material containing the ameba is responsible for transmission.

Contrary to its name, amebic dysentery often does not manifest itself as a true diarrhea. However, in severe infections, as many as twelve or fifteen pus-containing, watery stools are passed daily. The temperature and pulse are elevated; rapid emaciation develops if not combated. Abdominal cramps and rectal discomfort are severe.

Diagnosis is made on the basis of the history, ulcerations of the colon during proctoscopy, and detection of the amebas in warm stool specimens. If the condition is not identified, one of several complications may arise: perforation of the colon; severe or fatal hemorrhage; abscess of the liver, spleen, brain, and lungs; and stricture of the bowel from healing of extensive ulcerations.

Specific treatment of amebic dysentery yields satisfactory results. Emetine, chiniofon, and carbarsone control the condition promptly.

Prophylaxis is equally as important as active therapy. When dormant or encysted, the ameba lives outside the body. Hence, isolation technique is nec-

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As others hear ns_



If you've a voice like an angel, you don't need the advice in this article. But can you resist trying the suggested exercises?

• Seven dignified nurse executives sat

HELEN MINNO, R.N.

in the living-room of the nurses' residence and "mooed" loudly, one after the other. At least, to the uninformed observer, that was the way it sounded. Then each in turn took up the slow chant, "My ma made many movable mince-meat molds." Each enunciated carefully, speaking with almost exaggerated movements of the lips.

Ridiculous? Not at all. These nurses were conscientious members of a weekly speech class. Although none had a poor voice to begin with, each sought helpful ideas to take back to her students and staff. And, they all agreed, "Vocal gymnastics are grand fun!"

Voice exercises are fun. So whether or not you think your voice needs improvement, try out some of the routines recommended by speech experts.

First, listen to your own voice. To do this, talk into a small closet. Or, stand in a corner of your room, cup your ears forward with your hands, and speak aloud in a normal conversational tone. How does it sound? High and shrill, low and indistinct, raspy, nasal?

If you don't like your own voice when you hear it, there are a number of things you can do to improve it.

Begin by developing strength and control of diaphragm and throat muscles. Spend five minutes morning and evening practicing proper breathing. Inhale deeply, exhale slowly through the mouth. Hold your forefinger in front of your lips as you exhale and notice

whether breath comes evenly or in gasps. Persistence will give you an even breath, making for a smooth flow of speech.

To strengthen throat muscles, yawn with the head thrown back. While the head is relaxed, allow your jaw to drop down. Then close the mouth quickly and firmly. Next, roll the head from side to side, alternating with stretching the neck upward as far as possible.

Your throat is open when you yawn. And it must be open if the voice is to sound rich and full. Practice opening your throat without yawning and notice the difference in the quality of your voice.

To test for resonance, put your hand on your chest while you are speaking. If you can't feel a vibration, try speaking in a different pitch. Never increase the loud tones. Change the deep ones until you can feel the vibration. By doing this you will soon gain a surprising range.

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Chanting is an excellent exercise for resonance. (An example is the chant of the tobacco auctioneer, so well-known to radio audiences.) One of the favorite lines for this exercise is, "The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." Chant it slowly, giving full emphasis to the round "o" and "a" sounds, and softening the "r's" if they sound harsh. Then say the same line in a normal voice and with full expression, but keep the same round sounds that you had in the chant.

Chanting is also an effective device for eliminating nasal "m" and "n" sounds. Chant me-me-me-me-meme-e-e-e- as long as there is any breath in back of it. Then say it, using the open throat and full arch in the roof to keep out the nasals.

This nasal twang is one of the most

frequent defects. To find whether there is a nasal quality in your voice, hold your nose and recite the alphabet. It should sound just the same as when the nose is free. ("M" and "n," however, will sound differently with the nose closed.) Practice in speaking from an open throat will help overcome a nasal.

As an aid to enunciation, recite "Mame-mi-mo-mu." For lip flexibility—one of the basic requirements for good enunciation—change the consonant to "f," "h," "j," "p," and "t." Recite each slowly, then increase the tempo until you are speaking as rapidly as you can without stuttering. Another valuable exercise for stiff mouth muscles is to pout and grimace alternately.

Demosthenes did it the hard way when he put pebbles in his mouth to cure himself of stuttering. But perhaps his idea was father to the pet enunciation exercise of a famous singing teacher. She has her pupils hold a cork between their teeth while they talk!

Reading aloud is one of the best ways to correct poor enunciation. At first your reading may be a little halting and strained; you will tire easily and grow breathless. But after a time you will be able to read with a fluid ease which will be surprising. Make a special effort even with simple words like "Mary," "pie," "fancy," "three." Make them sound fuller; more mellow.

After you've discovered what corrections your voice may need, and how to make them, persistence comes next in importance. Think about your voice every time you speak. Make full use of your throat and breathing, your lips and tongue. Talk to yourself in a mirror to make sure that the lips are forming the words as they should.

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HOMEOPATHIC NURSES: The National Homeopathic Nurses' Association will hold its annual convention in New York City, Oct. 18 and 19. Nurses interested in attending should write Miss Lillian Buchanan, R.N., State Sanatorium, Mt. Alto, Pa.

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The energy requirements of man and the caloric values of foods have long been fields of active investigation. Energy requirements are measured in terms of a heat unit, the calorie. Many researches (1) show that human caloric requirements are variable and influenced by a number of factors.

During periods such as infancy, childhood, pregnancy and lactation, or during convalescence from wasting illness, energy-yielding nutrients are required both for support of body activity and for tissue formation. However, for the average adult, food energy intake should balance energy expenditure. For adults, variation in activity is the chief factor influencing variation in energy requirement; age, sex, size and body build being comparable. Sedentary occupations may require a food energy intake of 2500 calories per day; 5000 calories might be necessary if the individual engaged in strenuous muscular activity. Close approximations are available for the probable food energy requirements of individuals during different stages of the life cycle and engaged in various activities (1, 2).

Experiments (3) have also demonstrated that oxidation of foodstuffs in the animal body-due allowance being made for the energy contents of the end-products of oxidation-yields the same number of calories as are produced by the oxidation of similar foodstuffs in the combustion type calorimeter. Since the potential food energy of foodstuffs resides in their contents of carbohydrates, fats and proteins, the available calorific value of any food may be readily calculated (4) by using the factors 4, 9 and 4 calories per gram of these respective nutrients. Of these food components, the carbohy-drates and fats are those which contribute most towards attainment of our varied, food energy requirements. Reliable tables are available (5) which list the calorific contributions of most common foods.

It has been established first, that foods -principally by virtue of their carbo-hydrate and fat contents-contribute energy for use by the human body; and second, that the human energy requirement is conditioned by many factors and may vary widely. An adequate supply of food energy is, of course, one of the necessary objectives of proper nutrition. However, individual attributes such as vitality, strength or endurance are influenced by-but not solely dependent onproper nutrition, in which adequate food energy is supplied.

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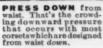


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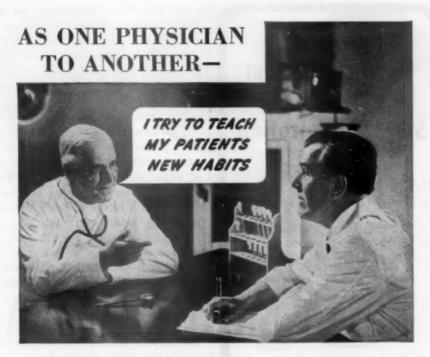
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That, perhaps, is the keynote in the selective process—to choose work which is akin to your professional ambitions and ideals, however odd that kinship may appear to those who observe your activities.

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with applications from all over the country. Obviously, from the tone of the letters, most of these candidates were drawn by the lure of the romantic Northwest. They were not moved by the opportunity to do a good nursing job—for no such opportunity existed.

Most vocational counselors agree that this latter method is a thin way to plan your professional future. They advise extreme caution when considering posts in out-of-the-way parts of the world. Why? Because the chance of locating a job with a future in foreign lands is becoming thinner every year.

One factor which has cut down the number of openings in foreign service is the use of more trained native women in the care of the sick. Thus, only supervisory posts are left for nurses from the United States.

If you feel an irresistible call to foreign service, however, investigate thoroughly the logical sources for such jobs—church missions, philanthropic organizations, and big industry with foreign or territorial branches. Convince yourself, after this research, first, that there are jobs available; second, that you have the necessary assets for success in this work.

Age is a factor in many nursing posts. Office positions, for example, usually demand nurses under thirty. Occasionally there are exceptions, as in the case of one California physician who advertised for an office nurse "between twenty and fifty." More often the reverse is true.

A middle-aged nurse who had always done general duty in a New York hospital decided, finally, to try for the regular hours of office nursing. She spent months on a typing and bookkeeping course. She learned to use X-ray and electro-cardiograph equipment. Then, to



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her disappointment, she discovered that she could not find a position because of her years.

It is largely a matter of being practical. If this nurse had studied the field before going blindly ahead, she would have found other opportunities suitable for a woman of her age and experience. Day nurseries run by private charities usually select an older nurse as administrator. Obstetrical nursing, since its methods and technique are not constantly changing, is another logical field. So, too, is the care of aged and chronic patients.

In selecting a career, remember that you can seldom wait for the job you desire to seek you: You must make your own openings.

A nurse from Texas tells with pride how she opened the door into the field of her choice: department store nursing. She lived in a small town and could not afford to make personal visits to a dozen cities. So she planned a campaign by mail. She sent a form letter to many large stores, asking whether or not there was a first-aid department or nursing service. But she didn't ask for a job.

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Finding the kind of position that will build a professional future for you is not easy. But the effort you spend in this direction is bound to justify itself in the long run.

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After aspirin only slight changes were found; increases in pH to 7.0 were observed only in three subjects but the increase was not maintained for more than one hour.

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Convalescent home

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carved woodwork, and dust-catching rugs are difficult to keep clean and, therefore, to be avoided.

When planning the administration of your nursing home, first select three physicians willing to serve as medical advisors. Such an advisory board usually functions without remuneration. Its responsibility is to see that proper scientific, professional, and ethical standards are maintained.

One graduate nurse must be on the premises at all times. Usually, one nurse for every five patients is employed in the daytime; one nurse for ten patients at night. Sometimes, however, if the patients do not require much attention, one day nurse will be adequate. This is especially so if you can arrange to take time from your managerial duties to help her with routine care.

You yourself should assume the responsibility of planning meals and purchasing supplies. You will want to employ a good cook (good meals are extremely important) and a maid to do housework and help with the dishes. A handyman to tend your furnace and do heavy work may also be necessary.

Inquiries made among a number of convalescent homes indicate that salaries for staff nurses run from \$75 a month up, depending on the size of the institution. Meals are always included and sometimes maintenance. You should be able to engage a cook for \$60 and a maid for about \$40, (both to live out). Men to tend furnaces are frequently available at \$30 a month. Sometimes you can reduce your overhead by employing a capable practical nurse for night duty.

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and staffed, the next step is to apply for a health department license. In most States, nursing homes are subject to the inspection and approval of the local board of health or department of hospitals. To obtain this approval, the procedure is somewhat as follows:

Application for a permit is usually required in writing on a form furnished by the hospital department or board of health. It must be signed by the individual who will be responsible for the conduct and business management of the institution. Soon after this application has been filed, an inspector will call to examine the "physical plant." If the home meets all plant requirements, you will be granted permission to open for business. A month or two later, the entire home will be inspected again. If it passes the second inspection, your license will be issued. The license expires one year from date of issuance. but can be revoked at any time at the discretion of health authorities.

Although State requirements vary, there are several important specifications which must be met and which are basically the same throughout the country. For example, most State laws give specific instructions regarding the name of a nursing home. It may be called "Home for Chronic Patients," "Home for the Aged," "Convalescent Home," or "Nursing Home." The title "hospital" or "sanitorium" may not be used.

In New York State, every new building over twenty feet high in which patients are gathered for medical care must be of fireproof construction. All old buildings over two stories high, not fireproofed, must be equipped with outside iron stairways, and with doorway exits leading thereto on each floor above the first.

Many States require space to be set

aside for a mortuary. And, if a laboratory is to be operated, a special health permit must be obtained.

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Zoning laws, too, usually effect the operation of a nursing home. While most towns and cities permit nursing homes in residential districts, it is wise to be positive about this fact before making an investment. Some ordinances permit the housing of "paying guests" but object to bedridden patients.

Insurance is another important consideration, and in some States it is required by law.

The success of your venture depends largely on painstaking attention to all these minute details. It is not an easy job to elect for yourself. But, if you decide to enter this field, you should find it not without rewards. For the older nurse with a nest-egg, or for the young nurse with vision and ambition, it appears to offer a highly stimulating career.

Moving day

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part with it for the world."

I fought tooth and nail, though. Finally, some of the heirlooms went scuttling down the incinerator.

Then I started on the relics.

"If you ever land in your new home town with this teddy bear, someone will send for the psycho bus," I grinned.

"What did you do with yours? she countered. "Remember the night we won them? We were supposed to be hostesses at the card party to raise money for the new wing. And remember, Bill barged in with Michael? It was Mike's first night as resident in pedaatrics. I can still see them sneaking into the kitchen and wigwagging at us. [Turn the page]

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"One less to pack," said I, thankfully.

She glared at me and picked up the pieces one by one.

"Speaking of packing," I said, peering into a box, "how do you think those dishes are going to survive, with an electric iron snuggled in their midst?"

"It's all wedged in," Scotty replied stoutly.

"And the liquid shoe-white and the silver rattling around in this coffee pot!" I marveled. "Scott-o, you pack as if you had taken lessons from a movie wife who is leaving her husband!"

"They had to go in somewhere," she maintained. "And I'm about fresh out of room."

I glanced at the clock. There wasn't time to get more cartons or boxes. Scotty examined her wrist watch and then me.

"From the looks of us," she said, "a little judicious sandpapering, then a bath and some refreshments are in order. Or maybe we can just scrape the top layer of soot off our noses and park our weary bodies in the restaurant around the corner. How about it?"

Before you could say, "Sold to the highest bidder," we were streaking down the street, trying hard to remember that there is such a word as "moving."

Intestinal infections

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essary for patients and carriers. Proper sewage control and simple cleanliness aid greatly in preventing spread of the disease. Infected food handlers are a serious menace, and should be recognized and treated.

Bacillary dysentery is a specific infectious disease caused by the *Bacillus dysenteriae*. Two strains, the Shiga and the Flexner, have been described. The former produces more virulent and more frequently fatal infections.

The onset is sudden, accompanied by malaise and abdominal discomfort. Intense diarrhea quickly develops. Sometimes as many as fifty watery, blood-containing stools may be passed in twenty-four hours. Abdominal pain and rectal tenesmus are usually severe, necessitating opiates for their control. Death from exhaustion may occur in thirty-six hours. If the infection is mild.

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the disease runs a self-limited course.

Bacillary dysentery is a true toxemia. Its clinical picture is produced both by local inflammation of the large bowel and by circulating toxins. Diagnosis is established by agglutination tests and cultures taken from the ulcers on proctoscopy.

Therapy embraces two avenues of attack:

The patient is made comfortable with bismuth subnitrate and tincture of opium. Intravenous administration of a specific antiserum may then produce good results. Some authorities also recommend the use of magnesium sulfate.

Regional ileitis.—This infection was first recognized and described within the past decade. It is characterized clinically by diarrhea, loss of weight, abdominal pain, and progressive anemia.

Examination of the abdomen reveals a tender mass in the region of the appendix. Characteristic X-ray findings permit accurate diagnosis. Pathologically, regional ileitis consists of thickening of the ileum at the point of attachment to the cecum, with corresponding narrowing of the lumen. Eventually, obstruction develops, and is recognized by intractable constipation, cramps, and vomiting which may become fecal.

The only effective treatment of regional ileitis is surgical excision of the involved portion of the ileum. Preoperatively, the general condition of the patient is improved by a highly calorific diet and, if necessary, by blood transfusions.

Ulcerative colitis.—Ulceration of the colon is not uncommon. Proctoscopy may reveal many shallow erosions of the intestinal mucous membrane. The remaining intact mucosa is hyperemic



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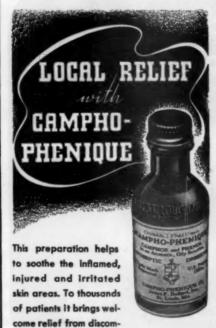
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and usually contains small punctate hemorrhages.

The onset is insidious. Bowel movements gradually become more frequent. When the condition is fully established, six to ten movements may occur daily. Abdominal cramps and rectal tenesmus add to the patient's discomfort. The stool is watery, and contains pus, blood, and mucus.

Ulcerative colitis is not a disease entity. It is a symptom complex embracing a group of diseases that lead to ulceration of the colon and to diarrhea. The underlying pathologic process may be tuberculosis or actinomycosis; or it may be due to one of many bacteria. If a specific micro-organism is not found in the stool, the condition is then termed "non-specific."

Ulcerative colitis usually runs a long, protracted course. Treatment is unsatisfactory, although bismuth salts provide a measure of relief. Vaccines have proved disappointing. After unsuccessful medical management for a year or two, surgery is usually the last resort; ileostomy is performed, intended to put the colon at rest and encourage healing. If untreated, ulcerative colitis generally becomes progressively worse. Death may occur from emaciation or bowel hemorrhage.

[A bibliography of references on this subject will be sent on receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.—
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*SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR: B.S. degree required.

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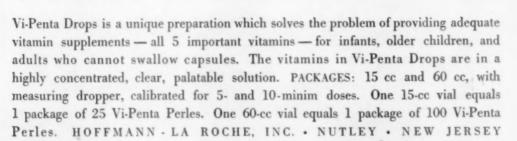
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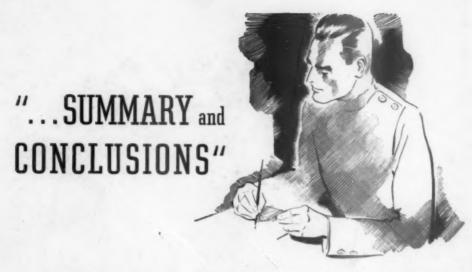
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